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Translated out of French according to the
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Seen and allowed.



Spain - Army
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 The French and Dutch according to the
 copy printed below.



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 1607.

A discourse of the victorie which it
pleased God to giue vnto the Prince of Nassau,
captaine generall of the vnited Prouin-
ces of the Low countries, in the ouerthrowe
of the Armie of the king of Spaine, at Turn-
haut in Brabant, the 24. of Ianuarie last.

Tandem bona causa Triumphant.

If the euents of the affairs of the
worlde did succcede according to
the iudgements and reason of
men, it would fall out by an infal-
lible maxime, of that which we
call the order & reason of things,
that the smallest shoulde bee sur-
mounted of the greatest, the most
simplest, poore and meekest, by the most craftiest, sub-
tilest and richest, and the weakest by the strongest.
But when wee see the contrary to happen, that the
smallest or poorest, the most simple and weakest to
ouercome the greatest, the most subtil, richest, and
most mightiest, it is an euident signe wherby the
Altheists & contemners of the prouidence of God,
may acknowledge the actions of men to be gouer-
ned by a higher power, then their weake outcories
can reach vnto: and likewise to Princes which pro-
fesse themselves to bee Christians, an aduertise-
ment not to grounde themselves vpon their owne
greatnes and worldly wisdom, but narrowlie to
examine themselves, whether the foundation of
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their warres be iust, holy, necessarie, and void of all tyrannical passions, not opposing themselves obstinately without yielding to any thinge, vnder hope that their great extraordinary meanes will bringe vnder those, who by comparison haue not the hundredth part in respect of themselves. But that great God which doth sustain those whose causes are iust, how weake soeuer they be, knoweth well how to abase their haughty presumptions and enuie; in making their determinations vaine and to consume like smoke, whereof we might alledge infinite examples of times past, if one which is presented vnto vs in this age would not suffice. We see the Spanish Nation so puffed vp with ambition, and overwhelmed with desire of conquering almoste all the world, for the great treasures which yearly he draweth to himselfe, that not finding any thing impossible, he doth vndertake at once to conquer three or foure Realmes, by waie of armes, besides this heauy warre which he hath against the vniued provinces of the Low countries. And albeit that these Spaniards in this pursute of conquest, haue vnprofitably consumed in two of their principal enterprizes, as much treasure, and receiued as much damage as euer did any prince that rained these thousand yeares in Christendome: yet notwithstanding as in despite of their mines of golde, they continue to force themselves againe to strike on the rockes which haue caused their shipwracke.

Is it to be founde in any historie whatsoeuer these thousand yeares, that one prince in one onlie exploite or enterprize, hath employed so many millions of golde as the king of Spaine hath doone in France a few yeares since, during those folkes of the

the league, for to catch or rather dismember that goodly realme, one of the ornaments not of Europe but of the worlde: In all the stretes of the legued towne, every tenth man did scarce receaue wages of the Spaniard, and at every receit thereof were two or three mutinies at the leaste. As for that proude and extraordinarie armie by Sea prepared the yere eightie eight, and set forth with so great charges, was there euer the like by any Christian prince these thousand yeres: Notwithstanding al that, the king of Spaine as I say more obstinate then euer or rather entering into a reproued course of iudgement doth he not yet prepare another the like: Wherof howbeit that he hath already lost almost the one halfe, yet doth he repaire it without any sparing of charges, for to arriue at a place where it shalbe I assure my selfe better receiued then wel come. He doth leuie great & extraordinarie forces for this next summer, to the end to ouerthrow & destroy all Fraunce. Fraunce I say, which is at this present so defensible an estate, as it was at that time when as the Emperour Charles the fift his father imploying all his forces for to make a breach in it, and those of an host of the princes of Germany was constrained to returne as shamefullie as hee did enter couragiously, and with hope to swallowe by the goodlie estate of France I say againe, which is at this present commaunded by a king so braue, worthie, warlike and wise as euer it hath hadde, vnder colour that his armie beeing conducted the last summer past by his nephew and brother in lawe the Cardinall of Austria haue hadde some favourable successes by the taking of two Townes.

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in France, and one on this side, the which notwithstanding hee hath bought deere and with his iust valour, and giuen money inoughe for either of them: and yet is the cardinal puffed vp with so high imaginations, and filled him with so great desseins, that esteeming the Frenchmen as people made of strawe or snowe, and as they say, not vnderstanding the affaires of estate, do cast as they thinke dust in their eies, by the meanes of trifling propositions of peace or truce, thinking this next summer, to enter far into their realme, and so to make a breach into the vnited Provinces. But that God (as I said at the beginning) which can ouerthrow the paradors of their tyrannical and arrogant powers, hath already made it appere by a notable euent in this beginning of the yeare, that their determinations take not suche effect as they beare themselves in hand, for that his best regiments of men of armes haue bin cleane ouerthrowne and cut in peeces by the Prince Maurice of Nassau, which had atchiued such aduenturous deeds of war to the good successe of the Cardinall, and of the earle of Fuenres, and amongst others, those Rodomons soldats, Neapolitans of the regiment of the marques of Treuicques and of Borlot, which are said to tear armed men with their teeth. This victorie then, is as happy, honourable, and profitable for vs, as it befell vnto them shameful and damageable the 24. of this moneth of Ianuarie 1597. in the Province of Brabant at Turnham, in maner as followeth:

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The Cardinall during the season of Winter, did thinke that he might being fauoured by the yce and frost, attempt some notable thing in the partes of Holland and Zeland, resolved with himselfe to sende vnto

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unto the said Turnhaur a good troupe of his best foote
and horlle, commanded by the earle of Varas, hereto
fore named the Baron of Balancon, great maister
of the k. of Spains ordinance, & brother to the mar
ques of Waranbon, insomuch that beeing at Turn
hout, he beheld those fies on the right and left hand
where his determination was, the which hee iud
ged of suche importance for their affaires, that in
some of their towne they bled great solemnitie in
their churches, and very triumphant processions,
to the end that it would please God speedily to send
great frosts. But God did dispose otherwise of the
matter: for the Prince Maurice full of valour and in
dustrie, and one likewise that letteth not passe anie
opportunitie when it representeth it selfe, hauing
intelligence of the assembly of these forces, and that
it was to geue him a checke vpon the yce, resolved
with himselfe to force them to defende themselves
who furiously prepared to assaile him, and to this
effect, he caused to come secretly with good order to
a place named a rendez-vous, some thousand horse,
and five thousand foot, with certaine peeces of Or
dinance, to be as occasion shoulde serue, and as hee
had foreseen, and so marched towarde Turnhout in
good order and resolution the 24. lodging himselfe at
Rauels halfe a mile from the enemy, who wer great
ly astonished, vnderstanding the prince to be vpon
such a sodain come so neer them: being thus perplex
ed and vncertain, they resolved for the best, to make
their retreat towards Herentals, the nearest walk'd
town to them held by the Spaniard, beginning at
four of the clocke in the morning to march forward
with their baggage, and then with their menne of
armes. Viser. at the very same instant, marched to
wards Turnhout to set vpon the enemy, and founde
him

him removed, but yet not far from thence, which made him to resolve to pursue the enemy, & to fighte with him in plaine field: and for to begin the order, two **C.** English Musquetiers did advance themselves, to the end that they holding continuall skirmish with the enemy, he might not so easily proceede on his way, and in the meane while the rest of his company had opportunity to ioine with him, for coming out of the towne, the way was very bad and full of water: then he advanced his horsemen, which kept themselves stil coasting the enemy, whoe not long after was discried to appoach toward the end of that great plaine and ready to enter into a strait both narrow and troublesome, where the horse losse their advantage and the foot did win it: then was it resolved, that his **Ex.** should no longer delaye but to come to the matter: howbeit the greatest parte of the footmen were farre behinde. This thus resolved, the charge was given in this order.

The earle of Hoenloo his brother in law, a brave and resolute nobleman, accompanied with the earle of Solms, charged the enemy in the forefront, where was a regiment of Almaines of xiiij. companies making the vangard: sir Robert Sidney Gouvernour of Flushing, and sir Frances Vere Collonel of an english regiment, a knight both valiant and wise, whoe besides their intertaining of the enemy in skirmish, set upon the rereward where the Neapolitans were: other troopes were commanded to charge the flank, where were the regiments of the **L.** of Hachicourt, which wer hertofore those of Mounseigneur de la Motte, compounded of olde souldiours, and those of the Collonel a Barlotte, and almost all at one instant. The cavallery of the enemy issued with five of their best cornets: to wit, three of Spaniards, of Don Iuan de Cordua,

Cordua, Don Iuan de Gouzman, & Don alonce de Mon dragon, one Albanoice du S. Nicolas Baste, one of the oldest and sufficientest captaines, and the other of the Loto countries of the L. of Grobendonc, seeing our men come to charge them, they beganne to flie without any other fight, forsaking their companiōs on foot, the which after very little resistance by the meanes of ours were broken and ouerthrowne: his Gr. being accompanied with the L. Admirall of Nassau and Collonel Moray were reserved to sustain the cauallerie if need had required. The true number of those that were slaine, were to the number of two thousand & two hundred, with their general the earle of Varas & other personages of quality. There were 38. Ensignes, one cornet of horse, & five hundred prisoners take, & among them one of the earls of Mansfield, twelve chiefe captaines, and many other officers: many escaped, which had for their pasportes blowes on the heads with Courelaces. His Gr. according to his natural clemencie and curesie, had discharged the prisoners except some few to which he would haue retained for the performance of the ransomes of the rest, had it not beene that some alledged, that the Cardinall commanded his people to breake the quarter: he retained them until he was resolved of his intent, to the end to order things the better hereafter.

Among the dead they did finde certaine reliques which did warrant men from the danger of warre, enchanted papers, coniurations of sorles, and prayers which the priests would to sel for money, so contrary to the forme of praying to God, & that which he doth require of man, that we may well say as did S. Barnard in his time, that the ministers of Christ

did seruire to Antichrist, & that they did ouerthrowe
the foundation of the church, transporting the Ec-
clesiastical dignities into an infamous gaine, and
shewing themselves to be replenished with poore
but not with iustice. It is here, where I would
pray my maisters the Catholikes (I mean the abu-
sed, not the abusers, the which knowe best howe to
open their eies and understandings) laying aside al
passion, to consider if there be in the holy scriptures
any thing which doth approach to these prayers. We
do see in the Psalmes of Dauid, that an infinite sort
of the seruants of God went to the warres, but we
cannot finde any like vnto these enchantments and
prayers in Latin, which are translated at the ende
of this discourse.

Behold the end of this iourney in stead of entring
the Isles as they assured themselves: nay, soft and
faire, such cats are not to be caught without mus-
fles, and not so easily overcome without danger of
boel drinking, as did those which heretofore attemp-
ted to enter into the countrey of Toke, and the Spa-
niards which were conducted by the late erle Char.
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frost. These Rodomon souldiours thought the wa-
ters to be no more difficult then the land, where for-
tune sometime did smile on them: but the Spani-
ards (as cats which haue once wet their fete) are
wiser, then to undertake such thinges themselves,
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bellies full before they can perswade them. So like-
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France as it is at this day, would not willingly receive the last lie, she wil not indure you so to carie away her faire fetters as you did the tempest of the ciuill wars beeing not yet passe: you deceiue your selues, if you thinke your stratagems of truce shall serue you to abuse the french: no, they will chace away their rackets the game beeing so faire: they know your diseale and where to begin with you, and wil shew themselves not to be of so hile and balkard courage, as you think them to be. Solikwise those of Orthois and Heinault, doe not looke for any other thing, then their own miserable overthrow and better bndwing, for hauing serued the insatiable ambition of the Spaniard. There are in those prouinces men of courage and not yet degenerated, whose finding their owne grieffe doe know the remedie, & that of necessitie they muste purge the offensive humor for to saue the whole bodie: they I saie, seeing my lords the Estates of the vnited prouinces, to appeare vnto them so happily flourishing in all sortes of blessings that God may send to men, and to gouern themselves with so many good pollicies and rules of discretion, causing so sweet and happy a quietnesse among the people, as in no countrey in the world soeuer, where menne in reason may find more occasion to content themselves then there. A thing not to be maruailed at, sith that we euidentlie know by so many euents past, that it is GOD which dooth guide and warrant them, as heretofore he did his people against the Syrians, Egyptians, Assyrians, Medes and others: and it is not to be doubted but that he wil continue his fauour, seeing the foundation

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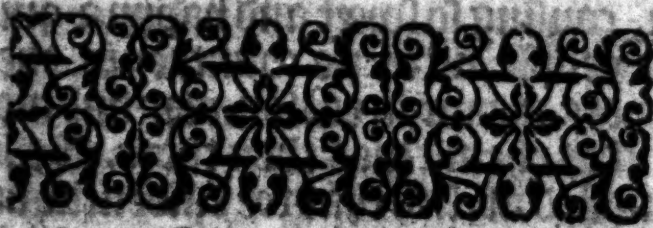
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tion of their quarrel is his glory, and the conserua-
tion of natural liberty, which ought to be as deare
vnto vs as our liues; being void of all passions and
revenge in their conquest of towne, where I special-
lie it might seeme they should haue bled the same to
serue for examples to others, in respect of some
which were reuolted, which is an euident shewe of
their benignity and true christian gouernment, in-
stead of confusion and crueltie with the which their
enimies would charge them. And as I haue saide,
their foundation is so strong, as wee maye beleue
that the hammers which are prepared to breake
this amule, shal be battered, brused and broken, as
they haue bin hitherto. Wee will rest our selues
then vpon the promises which our great God hath
made, to conserue those which doe seeke his honour,
and glorie, and exterminate al those who oppose them
selues against the kingdome of his sonne Iesus.

FINIS.



Quicumque hanc suprascriptam orationem fecerit
portauerit, nullum inimicum timeat, nec gladij, nec
sagitta, nec aliqua arma sibi nocere poterunt: nec
insidiæ diaboli, nec arma incantantium, nec veneno-
rum, nec immundus spiritus sibi nocere poterunt,
in omni tēpore, & in omni loco saluus erit: ✠ ✠ ✠

B Arasa ✠ leuias ✠ buccella ✠ buccella ✠ agla ✠
agla ✠ tetragrammaton ✠ adonay ✠ Domine Deus
magne & mirabilis adiua famulum tuum N: indig-
num ab omni periculo mortis, corporis, & anima, &
ab omnibus insidijs inimicorum, visibilium & inuisibi-
lium. ✠ Decem sunt nomina, quibus appellatur Deus,
in quocunque ✠ nomen Deus ✠ Crux ✠ ely ✠ eloy ✠
ela ✠ adonay ✠ corpus Christi cogi ✠ sabaot ✠ nomina
crux ✠ hæc profunt famulo Dei N. hoc est enim corpus
meum, ✠ ut diligat me, Amen.

ORATIO.

Coniuro vos omnia arma cum quibus occisi sunt
Omnes sancti Martyres, præcipio vobis per me-
rita sanctorum omnium, ut non habeatis potesta-
tem scindendi carnem meam, nec sanguinem me-
um spargendi, nec offendendi me famulum Dei N.
nec in aliquo lædendi. ✠ Crux & passio domini no-
stri Iesu Christi sit in memoria & in defensione me-
a, pax & benedictio domini sit semper mecum: ✠
o sagitta sta per virtutem beatæ Mariæ Virginis, &
per caput sancti Ioannis Baptistæ, per Apostolos,
Martyres, Confessores, Virgines & Viduas: per An-
gelos & Archangelos: o sagitta sta per annunciati-
onē Domini nostri Iesu Christi, ✠ o sagitta sta per
coronam spineam; quæ portata fuit in capite Do-
mini nostri Iesu Christi. o sagitta sta per captionem
& flagellationem Domini nostri Iesu Christi, ✠
O sagitta per clauos, qui perforauerunt ma-
nus

nus & pedes Domini nostri Iesu Christi, o sagitta sta
per vulnera Domini nostri Iesu Christi, per resur-
rectionem Domini nostri Iesu Christi: vt non pos-
sis lādere me famulum Dei N. ✠ In nomine Patris,
& Filij, & spiritus sancti, Amen.

ORATIO.

Obsecro te Domine fili Dei viui per sanctam cru-
cem tuam; vt dimittas peccata mea, ✠ per sanctam
crucem tuam custodi caput meum, per venerabi-
lem crucem tuam custodi pedes meos & omnia mē-
bra mea, & tribue mihi veniam & vitam æternam;
✠ sancte Deus sanctifica me, fortis Deus fortifica
me, immortalis Deus miserere mei famuli tui N.
quia peccata mea multa sunt apud te, & non sū dig-
nus vocari seruus tuus propter iniquitates meas
quæ sunt innumerabiles: propterea deprecor te, vt
mittas in cor meum amorem cælestem. Qui viuis
& regnas deus per omnia secula seculorum, Amen.

ALIA ORATIO.

Abba Pater miserere mei, ✠ o Fili, ✠ o sancte spi-
ritus mecum sis: erue me ab omnibus aduersariis
meis, ✠ coniuro te gladium per S. sacerdotem vete-
ris testamenti, qui introduxit Mariam & Dominum
nostrum Iesum Christum in templum dicentem:
tuam ipsius animam doloris gladius pertransibit,
vt non possit lādere famulum Dei N. ✠ Coniuro
vos lapides per beatum Stephanum protomarty-
rem, quem Iudæi lapidauerunt, qui statuit pro suis
persecutoribus exorare, dicens: N. Ne statuas illis
hoc peccatum, quia nesciunt quid faciunt, vt non
possint lādere me famulum Dei N. In nomine Pa-
tris ✠ & Filij ✠, & spiritus sancti, ✠ Amen.

mini nomine Domini nostri Iesu Christi
& angelorum Domini nostri Iesu Christi
qui per crucem in persequuntur me
amen

Whosoever shall carry about him this praier heere vnder written, let him not feare any enemy, neither can any weapon annoy him, neither darts nor other warlike instrument: neither the weapons of the inchanters, nor poisons, neither can the wicked spirit annoy him: he shall be safe at all times, and in al places. ✠✠✠

B Arnaſa ✠ leuitas ✠ buccella ✠ buccella ✠ agla ✠ agla ✠ tetra grammaton ✠ adonay ✠. Lord, great and admirable God, helpe thy vnworthie ſeruant, N. from all danger of death of the booke and ſoule, e from al the assaults of enemies, viſible and inuiſible ✠. There be tenne names with the which God is named, in which they name God ✠ Crux ✠ ely ✠ eloy ✠ ela ✠ adonai ✠ Corpus Chriſti cogi ✠ ſabaot ✠ nomina Crux ✠ the things are profitable to the ſeruant of God, N. hoc eſt enim corpus ✠ meum ✠ vt diligat me, Amen.

I conſure you all weapons with the which all the ſaints haue bin martyred. I conſure you by the merits of al the ſaints, that you haue no power to cut my fleſh, nor ſhed my blood, nor offend me the ſeruant of God, N. nor hurt me in any thing. The croſſe and paſſion of our Lord Jeſu Chriſt, be in my mind and defence. The peace and bleſſing of our Lord be alwaies with me ✠ I varte ſtate thy ſelfe by the vertue of the bleſſed virgin Mary, and by the heade of S. John Baptiſt, by the apoſtles, martyrs, confeſſors, virgines and widowes: by the angels and archangels: I varte ſtate thy ſelfe by the annunciation of our L. Jeſus Chriſt, I varte ſtate thy ſelfe by y crown of thorns, which was ſet vpon the head of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, I varte ſtate thy ſelfe by the taking and beating of our Lorde Jeſus Chriſt: ✠ I varte for the nalles which pearſed the hands and feete of our Lorde Jeſus Chriſt, I varte ſtate for the wounds of our Lorde Jeſus Chriſt, by the reſurrection of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt in ſuch ſort that thou haſt not the power to hurt me the ſeruant of God, N. ✠ in the name

name of the father, and of the sonne, and the holie Ghost,
Amen.

A Prayer.

I Beseech thee by the holy crosse, O Lord sonne of the li-
ning God, that thou forgine me my finnes. & keepe my
hed by thy holie crosse, keepe my feete and all my mem-
bers by thy venerable crosse, and give me remission and
eternall life. & blessed God sanctifie me, mightie God for-
tifie me, immortall God have compassion vppon me thy
seruant N. because that my finnes bee in great number
before thee, and I am not worthy to be called thy seruant
by reason of mine iniquities which are innumerable.
Wherefore I beseech thee that thou wilt sende into my
heart celestiaall lone, who liuest and raignest a God from
age to age, Amen.

Another Prayer.

A Bba father, haue pittie on me. & O sonne. & O holie
Ghoſt be with me, withdraue me from all mine aduer-
saries. & I conſure thee O blade by the holie priest of the
old Testament, who brought Mary and our Lorde Iesus
Christ into the temple saying: the sword shall go through
thy soule with grize, so that it shall not hurt the seruant of
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the first martyr, the which the Iewes stoned, who ordai-
ned that we should pray for our persecutors, saying N.
I impute not that sinne vnto them, for they knowe not what
they do, so that they cannot offend me the seruant of God,
N. &, in the name of the father, and of the sonne, and of
the holie Ghost &, Amen.



